



# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## Legal Affairs Committee Meeting

### OUR MISSION

Protect, enhance, and develop Calaveras County's water resources and watersheds to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective services to our communities.

Regular Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
1:00 p.m.

Calaveras County Water District  
120 Toma Court  
San Andreas, California 95249

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

**At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on any non-agendized item. The public is encouraged to work through staff to place items on the agenda for consideration. No action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a Approval of Minutes for August 1, 2023 and October 3, 2023 Committee Meetings  
(Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)

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#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Scott Ratterman, Director

Jeff Davidson, Director

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

4a\* Federal Legislative Update  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

4b\* State Legislative Update  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

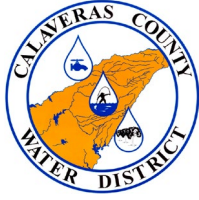
**5.\* GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

**6.\* DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday April 2, 2024, 1:00 p.m.,

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Legal Affairs Committee Meeting

**MINUTES  
AUGUST 1, 2023**

The following Committee Members were present:

Director Ratterman  
Director Thomas

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler, General Manager  
Brad Arnold, Water Resources Manager  
Kate Jesus, Engineering Coordinator  
Mark Rincon-Ibarra, District Engineer  
Kevin Williams, Senior Civil Engineer  
Stacey Lollar, Human Resources Manager

Others Present:

Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey  
Ralph Copeland

## **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Director Ratterman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Director Ratterman and Davidson were both present.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3a Approval of Minutes for January 31, 2023 and April 21, 2023 Committee Meetings  
(Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)

Directors Ratterman/Davidson approved Minutes from the Legal Affairs Committee meetings of January 31, 2023 and April 21, 2023.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

4 Federal Legislative Update  
(Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey and Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Mia O’Connell from O’Connell & Dempsey gave an update on the following items: 1) Senate Appropriations committee approved the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill with Senator Feinstein’s request for \$11 million for the Copper Cove Project; 2) Army Corps of Engineers Section 7001 funding and WRDA Funding; 3) discussed dates for the Washington, D.C. legislative visit; and 4) the new Hydropower legislation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ralph Copeland addressed the Committee regarding the support from Congressman McClintock. He appreciates Mia O’Connell’s detailed efforts for the District.

5. California Water Use Efficiency Standards  
(Brad Arnold, Water Resources Manager)

**Discussion:** Brad Arnold discussed the Water Use Efficiency Standards which are due to the state in January. He discussed the potential for fines depending on the results and alternative pathways for agencies that will find it difficult to meet these standards.

6. State Legislative Update  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)
  - 6a Assembly Bill (AB) 460 State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage
  - 6b Senate Bill (SB) 389 State Water Resources Control Board: investigation of water right.
  - 6c Assembly Bill (AB) 676 Water: general state policy
  - 6d Assembly Bill (AB) 1337 State Water Resources Control Board: water diversion curtailment

**Discussion:** Mr. Arnold updated the Committee on the potential Water rights legislation listed above. He stated that AB 460 and SB 389 were defeated, and AB 676 was sent back to Committee, and AB 1337 was amended. There was discussion between staff and the Committee regarding the various legislation and potential for future legislation.

Mr. Minkler discussed the potential for AB 338 Prevailing Wage to pass and several upcoming bills for bond funding in early 2024.

Director Ratterman discussed the Carb requirements for rural counties and efforts to make water agencies first responders.

**7. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Minkler reported on the Bureau of Reclamation meeting.

**8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Ratterman had nothing to report.

Director Davidson had nothing to report.

9. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday October 3, 2023, 1:00 p.m.,

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

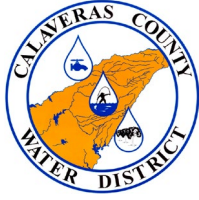
The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca Hitchcock  
Clerk to the Board

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# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Legal Affairs Committee Meeting

MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2023

The following Committee Members were present:

Director Davidson  
Director Thomas

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler, General Manager  
Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board  
Brad Arnold, Water Resources Manager

Others Present:

Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey  
Ralph Copeland  
Francisco de la Cruz  
Karen Penfold

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Director Davidson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Director Ratterman was absent and his alternate, Director Thomas, attended in his place.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Copeland met with Kimberly Pruitt from Congressman McClintock's office.

Francisco de la Cruz asked how Mia O'Connell was affiliated with the District.

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

3a Federal Legislative Update  
(Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey and Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Mia O'Connell from O'Connell & Dempsey gave an update on the following items: 1) the passing of Senator Feinstein; 2) contacts with Senator Padilla regarding 2024 appropriations; 3) support from Congressman McClintock; 4) the continued work on the Army Corp of Engineers authorization request; and 5) an overview of the Washington D.C. legislative visit schedule.

3b State Legislative Update  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Michael Minkler gave an update on the following items: 1) SB 389 State Water Resources Control Board: investigation of water right; 2) AB 338 Prevailing Wage; 3) AB 1594 Medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles: public agency utilities; and 4) the meeting with Senator Alvarado-Gil.

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Minkler reported the District is currently working on the executing the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the Army Corp of Engineers.

5. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Thomas hopes the Washington D. C. legislative visits go well.

Director Davidson has nothing to report.

6. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday December 5, 2023, 1:00 p.m.,

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca Hitchcock  
Clerk to the Board